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September 15, 2005

Mr. Thomas Bess
110 Memory Lane
Carlotta, CA 95528

Dear Mr. Bess:

Subject: Coverage under Order No. R1-2005-0011, "General Waste Discharge Requirements and Water Quality Certification for Discharges Related to Sand and Gravel Mining, Excavation, and Processing Activities, Including Asphalt and Concrete Operations, on Non-Federal Lands in the North Coast Region"

File: Thomas R. Bess Asphalt Sand & Gravel – Gravel Extraction Operations, Carlotta; WDID No. 1B02124WNHU

On June 6, 2005, you submitted an application to this office for Water Quality Certification and/or Waste Discharge Requirements. On July 19, 2005, the Regional Water Board adopted Order No. R1-2005-0011, "General Waste Discharge Requirements and Water Quality Certification for Discharges Related to Sand and Gravel Mining, Excavation, and Processing Activities, Including Asphalt and Concrete Operations, on Non-Federal Lands in the North Coast Region" (General WDR). Initial review of your application indicated that your Van Duzen River gravel extraction activities and your asphalt plant and processing facility would be eligible for coverage under the General WDR.

On July 19, 2005, we posted a public notice for your project on our web site and a 21-day public comment period has taken place. We received comments during the public comment period. Regional Water Board staff have considered the comments and determined that authorized discharges from Thomas R. Bess' proposed gravel extraction operations will comply with the applicable provisions of the Clean Water Act and State law.

This letter hereby informs Thomas R. Bess Asphalt, Sand and Gravel that their proposed aggregate extraction activities on the Van Duzen River and their asphalt plant and aggregate processing facility near Carlotta are now subject to the requirements of General WDR Order No. R1-2005-0011. The identification number for this project file will be WDID No. 1B02124WNHU. This number should be included on all future correspondence related to this matter.

We encourage all appropriate personnel to review and become familiar with the discharge requirements and prohibitions contained in the General WDR. Please call Dean Prat of our staff at (707) 576-2801 if you have any questions.

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Sincerely

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Executive Officer

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Enclosure:

1. Order No. R1-2005-0011, "General Waste Discharge Requirements and Water Quality Certification for Discharges Related to Sand and Gravel Mining, Excavation, and Processing Activities, Including Asphalt and Concrete Operations, on Non-Federal Lands in the North Coast Region"
2. Regional Water Board staff's letter responding to comments submitted by the Voice Family during the public comment period

cc: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, District Engineer, P.O. Box 4863, Eureka, CA 95502
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